**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY, 8th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

If village parishioners do not wish to attend a meeting, comments and questions can be emailed to the parish clerk for consideration by Lyddington Parish Council (LPC).

**COUNCILLORS TAKING PART:**

Cllr Tony Fowell (Chair)

Cllr Geoff Macfarlane (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Holly East

Cllr Dinah Hurwood

Cllr Libby Hobley

Cllr Barney Sturgess

**CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Mr James Robinson

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**1. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Village residentJames Robinson attended the meeting to discuss his request to become a parish councillor. Members of LPC agreed to accept Mr Robinson’s application and welcomed him onto the parish council.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to send Mr Robinson the required registration forms.**

**2.** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

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**4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 6th September 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Tony Fowell. The minutes had been previously circulated to members who had raised no objections.

**REGULAR REPORTS**

**5. LYDDINGTON PLAYING FIELD AND PARK**

**a) Play equipment repairs**

Wicksteed Leisure has now received delivery of the new play net to complete the repairs in the play area. The parish clerk has reminded Wicksteed that the zip wire needs further attention.

**b) New bug shelters**

Parish clerk approached a Peterborough based charity called Bug Life for advice on creating a new insect friendly garden in the enclosed area on the Playing Field.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to buy two new ‘bug hotels’.**

**c) Lyddington Tennis (LT)**

The end of year total of the 2021 membership subscriptions is £1,400.00.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The parish clerk had compiled a list of recent Rutland County Council (RCC) decisions and planning applications. LPC’s responses to recent planning applications have been submitted by the stipulated deadlines and acknowledged by RCC.

**7. FINANCE**

**a) LPC financial statement**

LPC’s latest Barclays bank statement dated 30th September to 29th October 2021 shows a closing balance of £24,606.28.

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From 6.9.21 to 20.10.21, LPC’s invoices totalled £1,317.68 and income received was £383.00.

**b) Staff salary**

The parish clerk submitted an invoice for £428.28 for the period covering 6th September – 5th November 2021 plus an expenses’ claim of £98.96, which includes the annual membership subscription of The Society of Local Council Clerks.

**BUSINESS**

**8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

 **a) Tree work**

Sanderson Tree Care has now received the approvals from RCC to begin work to trim the trees on The Green and the Playing Field as well as removing dead trees. This work is better undertaken when most of the leaves have fallen from the branches.

 **ACTION ONGOING**

**b) Repairs to play equipment and general maintenance**

Cllr Dinah Hurwood has said that there needs to be a collection of new notices on display, which clearly states that no dogs are allowed on the playing field or play park. This includes dogs on leads.

**ACTIONS**

**Cllr Dinah Hurwood to research suitable signs that forbid dogs in the area.**

**The parish clerk to write a thank you email to village resident Martyn Sharpe for his work to help maintain the play area site on Chapel Lane.**

**c) New kerb stones**

RCC has agreed to source new kerb stones for the village. The kerb stones will protect the grass verges that are being eroded particularly at the north end of the village.

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Chairman of LPC, Cllr Tony Fowell, explained that RCC will make provision for the kerb stones in their 2022-2023 budget**.**

**ACTION ONGOING**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**9. CLERKS’ ITEMS**

**a) Live and Local arts organisation**

LPC declined to support the not-for-profit organisation which has previously been partially financed by RCC.

**b) Tree planting in Lyddington**

Parish councils are being urged to plant trees to mark The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to contact Sanderson Tree Care for advice on species and suitable location.**

 **c) New plant troughs for the village**

A local resident had offered two large plant troughs for display purposes to be sited by the village name signs at the entrances to Lyddington. LPC was asked to provide funds for the compost, bulbs to be plant for a spring showing and geraniums for later in the year. LPC agreed to fund the initiative.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to facilitate the funding.**

**10. OTHER MATTERS (at the discretion of the Chair)**

The Three Inch Fools will be appearing again in 2022 on The Village Green with a performance of Twelfth Night. The date is Friday, 10th June 2022.

 **ACTION**

**Parish clerk to inform Music in Lyddington to avoid a clash of village events and to book the church in case of bad weather.**

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 **ACTION**

**Parish clerk to highlight to RCC’s Highways Department that the temporary slow signs on Main Street are wearing out. The signs were sprayed onto the road surface to indicate where the permanent markings will be applied during the next stage of the traffic calming measures. Parish clerk to also ask when the work will be completed.**

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to inform the Highways Department that one of the new 40 mph signs at the north end of the village has been knocked out of position.**

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

**11. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The date of the next parish council meeting is Monday, 10th January 2022.

Parish clerk is Fiona Buchanan (T 01572 821636 and 07711 160685)

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Chair ……………………………………………………………………..

Date …………………………………………………………………….

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